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RIGHTEOUS GIVING

The citizenship of Boone is justly proud of the efforts of their worthy Mayor Mr. Edward N. Hahn, in behalf of our unfortunate poor during the season of Christmas cheer.

Mr. Hahn, assisted by Miss Hazel Carriger of his firm, started a fund last week with which to fill the "empty stockings" in Boone and vicinity. The people of the town contributed to the fund with no little enthusiasm and then Mayor Hahn got a list of the people who needed help, and when the fund was no more, took the cash from his own pocket to defray the additional expense of making Christmas merry. The gifts were many and varied, in one instance Mr. Hahn provided good and serviceable shoes for each member of a family of six children. Different other items of wearing apparel were furnished to the destitute for miles around, together with every sort of fruits, candies, nuts and trinkets that are so universally associated by the kiddies with Christmas morn. and so far as is known there were none who did not enjoy the day in this section.

Mr. Hahn has in this case exhibited the sort of spirit characteristic of a Christian gentleman, has given some of the right sort of gifts and we feel honored that such a man is at the head of affairs in our good little town.

THE HOLIDAYS IN BOONE

The Christmas holidays in Boone passed off in a most pleasant manner. The day was ideal and hardly a cloud visible to mar its beauty, which appeared more as spring weather than that of mid-winter. There were services at both churches at 11 a. m. on Sunday and in the evening at the court house, The Methodist Sunday School rendered a most pleasing program, after which candies, fruits, etc. were served to the entire membership of the school, all of which were most enjoyable.

There was a perfect restful stillness that hovered over the town on Christmas day, the hush being broken only by the thud, thud, of the engine in The Democrat office and a few workmen in the Qualls Block who were striving to get their work completed before winter weather, which we are sure to have soon, breaks upon us in its fury. The more fortunate ones had provided for a Christmas feast and others were invited to partake of the splendid viands, for which Boone is noted, especially on occasions like the one just passed. All the little children were happy over the loads and loads of nice things Santa had brought them, this being one of the great pleasures parents have during the Christmas season.

All business houses were closed during the day, the hard-worked owners and employees taking the day off for perfect rest and recreation, which, The Democrat hopes was enjoyed to the fullest after their strenuous labors for the past few weeks. Indeed, Boone is to be congratulated upon the splendid manner in which the holidays were observed.

No town or village is too small but that it can have some nature of fire protection, if only a well trained bucket brigade; a small chemical extinguisher on wheels; chemical fire extinguishers in all leading buildings and homes. Either of these might save the town. Let us not wait until our buildings burn before we begin to think of fire protection.

SILVERSTONE HAPPENINGS

Miss Nettie Greer who is teaching at Boone and Miss Emma Mast who is teaching near Concord, N. C. are spending the holidays at home.

Misses Daisy Mast, Nora Mast and Hazel McGuire, students at the A. T. S. are all home for the holidays.

Messrs Sam Horton and Scott Swift frequent Sunday evening visitors in Silverstone, were here again last Sunday. We would be delighted to have the young men as permanent citizens but we give them fair warning not to take the girls out of the community. We can't give them up.

The Bible class for the older people which meets Sunday afternoons is one of the most interesting features of the week's program at Silverstone.

The B. Y. P. U. here now has a membership of 56 and is well attended. In addition to the regular work an interesting Christmas program was well rendered last Sunday afternoon with Ethel Wilson group captain.

We older people were all invited. We have had an exceptionally good public school this year, taught by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dotson, and N. T. Byers. It closed last Friday with commencement exercises that spoke well for teachers and pupils.

Misses Lillie Lawrence and Ethel Isaacs are home from Granite Falls.

COMES AND GOES

The record shows that the old year goes out and the new year comes in regardless of who is looking, so you might as well get your usual sleep.



REV. WAGNER REESE SPEAKS OF NEW IMPROVEMENTS

We have received a letter from the Reverend Wagner A. Reese now of Norwood, Ky., formerly of Watauga who at one time worked with and was a main spring in the Democrat force. We always like to hear from Wagner, and give our readers some extracts from his letter.

"I have been reading with interest of the wonderful improvements in the Democrat office. I well remember when we laid aside the old Washington Hand Press for the cylinder, and little then did I think that so soon it would be set aside for a larger and better one. And too to think that in the Democrat office no more type is set in the old way, but that the old news stands have given way to the best linotype (pshaw, I've forgotten how to spell it) of the day. All these things seem like a dream to me; I can't realize they're true. But if they are please accept my hearty congratulations, ha! It would indeed be a pleasure to me to step into the new office, and behold with my own eyes the marvelous change. Having been in the past connected with The Democrat working force, I feel that there is no one outside your own family more delighted with the growth and improvement of the Democrat than I. May all the way ahead be bright for the good paper and its good editor, is my sincere wish.

"But I must not forget the Job Printing Department. By the way, tell James and Robert, those 'Pioneer Printers' that I am truly glad that they have an up-to-date shop in Boone. * * * Indeed you folks are the Pioneer Printers of Boone and Watauga and have faithfully stuck to it through thick and thin. Now that Boone is coming to the front it is nothing but fair that you 'drink the cream' in the printing business of the town and county. Here's to you boys, for a wonderful success. Go to it, while your preacher buddies yell 'Amen.' * * *

"Last of all I enclose \$1.00 for another year's subscription.

Always your friend,
WAGNER A. REESE."

AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS

If you've got a thing that's happy Boil it down.
Make it short and crisp and snappy Boil it down.
When your brain its coin has minted Down the page your pen has sprinted If you want your effort printed, Boil it down.

Take out every surplus letter, Boil it down.
Fewer syllables the better, Boil it down.
Make your meaning plain—express it So we'll know, not merely guess it; Then, my friend, ere you address it, Boil it down.

Cut out all the extra trimmings, Boil it down.
Skim it well, then skim the skimmings Boil it down.
When you're sure 'twould be a sin to Cut another sentence in two, Send it on and we'll begin to Boil it down.

—Midland Methodist.

R. D. JENNINGS

DENTIST

Offices at Boone and Newland
Boone—First 15 days of each month
Newland—Last 10 days of each month
Write or phone to Boone or Newland for appointments

LADY GOT SO WEAK COULD SCARCELY STAND

After Suffering From Many Female Troubles This Lady Heard of
Cardui and Took It, She Says, "Until I Was Well."

"SOME TIME AGO," says Mrs. Buena McFarland, of R. F. D. 2, Bostic, N. C., "I suffered a great deal with weakness common to women.

I had bearing-down pains, my sides and back hurt, and my limbs drew. I would get so weak in my knees I could scarcely stand.

"I was very nervous, and could not rest. I didn't feel like eating. I grew thin, and did not have ambition for anything.

"I had been trying other remedies, but did not get any better.

"Some one told us of Cardui, and what it was recommended for. I also

WATAUGA'S MONEY CROPS

Will Watauga Use Her Natural Advantages?

Watauga is an agricultural county. Most of the money that is spent in the county comes from produce that has been hauled down the mountain in wagons and trucks. On coming to this county I found that the trouble was not that you didn't have stuff to sell, but that you had no place to sell it. Your nearest markets were too far away and they were glutted with your produce.

As I met the farmers of the county the main question was "Can you help us sell our cabbage and potatoes?" My work seemed to have been already laid out.

I found that it had already been proven that we could grow as good seed potatoes as those from anywhere, and that there was a market for all that we could produce. It is only a question of growing them and putting them on the market in the shape that the market wants them. The price is good.

As to cabbage, I have visited a dozen towns in the state and talked Watauga cabbage. I find that the customer wants them and says "they are the best in the world," but I find that the dealer does not want to handle them. He says there is no uniformity about them, all kinds are mixed together, and most of them too large. They say that they prefer to handle the Virginia or New York cabbage because they know what they are going to get before they come. I also find that there is a vast amount of sauer kraut used in North Carolina, practically every groceryman handling it. Again the merchant could not handle Watauga kraut because it was not in packages he could carry. At the same time I find people all over the State who have eaten Watauga sauer kraut and pronounce it the best they have ever tasted.

It does seem to me that since we have the things the folks want and are willing to pay for, that it is up to us to put them in the kind of package and in the quantity that the merchant will handle, so that the people of the whole state can get a chance to enjoy our products, and we to enjoy the proceeds from their sale.

In order to ship uniform first class cabbage it is necessary to have some way to dispose of the off sizes. The logical conclusion is sauer kraut. Investigations indicate that the manufacture of kraut is as profitable as the sale of cabbage. As soon as the word kraut was mentioned someone said "Neal Blair." I am satisfied that as many as fifty people in the county have recommended Mr. Blair to be the best qualified man to supervise the kraut making for Watauga. I met a lady in Monroe the other day who said: "Oh yes, you are from Watauga where they make Blair kraut." On the strength of this evidence Mr. Blair was recommended to the State Authorities as a "sauerkraut expert." He was employed by the state extension division on part time as sauer kraut specialist, working under the Horticultural Division, and was sent to Ohio and Michigan to study the manufacture of kraut on a large scale. He is back now and believes we can do it here. He knows that his own kraut business has been profitable and that it will be more so when conducted on a large scale.

Now the question is up to you. Do the farmers and other citizens of Watauga want to undertake this thing? A plan by which they can market their cabbage at Boone (the most central place) in as large quantities as they want to grow, a business controlled by you through the Directors you elect the books kept and the money handled by a bonded Secretary-Treasurer appointed by your Directors. There is a market for all that we want to grow and we know that produce can be handled in large quantities cheaper and to better selling advantage than when each farmer handles his own and sells in competition with every other farmer. What are we going to do about it? One or two men could do this thing as a private proposition and

BOONE SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

I take this opportunity to announce our fifth Sunday meeting December 31, our last meeting in old 1922 and I sincerely believe it is as interesting topic as we have had during the year Topic—Missionary Meeting China—The Sleeping Giant Now Awake. It was on March 10th, 1912, ten years ago, that China arose like a big sleepy giant fully awakened and threw off the shackles of her old hide-bound government, and became the republic of China! Christianity, Western civilization, modern education and spirit of progress had sufficiently gripped the young men of China to accomplish this miracle.

Of course China is not yet efficient as a republic. Doubtless more than three hundred million of her four hundred million people have not yet heard of the change of government. But the progressive centers are alive to it. It took the United States a hundred years and more to become efficient as a democracy. Mexico has been trying for a hundred years and has not yet succeeded. How could the oldest and biggest nation of the earth having back of them 5000 years of conservatism and autocracy do more than make a start in ten years? How many people is four hundred million? It is about equal to double all the population of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America. There are twice as many people in China as there are in both North and South America. September records show that the Southern Baptists had 462 missionaries in the foreign fields, while we have 253 missionaries, over one half of our entire force, in this great nation. Just think of this, it only gives us one Southern Baptist missionary to every 1,600,000 people in China.

These records should give us an idea of how bad we need more good old faithful missionaries. Let us strive to help train more of our Christian people to this service. Now the sleeping giant is awake! Who? Where? How? Stirring Stories told Sunday night in B. Y. P. U. Come and bring a friend. Meeting at six o'clock.

HERMAN WILCOX.

Democrat Ads Bring Results

make money, but what we want is for the farmers to promote the business and get all the money for themselves that the cabbage will bring. One hundred and fifty progressive farmers and business men can get the organization going and more will come in as the business grows.

If you are in town next Monday, the first Monday in January, come in and let's talk the matter over.

JOHN B. STEELE
County Agent.

A New Year Message to you

As the year 1922 is about to be numbered with the past, and as we stand together at the portals of the New Year, we wish to express to our many friends and customers our sincere appreciation for the many courtesies shown us during the past twelve months, in the way of liberal patronage, for we have enjoyed the pleasant business relations that have existed between us, and have done our best to render you good service and give you good goods at the most reasonable prices we could offer

It is our earnest desire that the New Year may bring you even greater joy and prosperity than any one through which you have passed, and we solicit your future patronage solely upon our merits.

WE HAVE SOME ODDS AND ENDS OF
OUR BIG CHRISTMAS LINE THAT WE
ARE GOING TO CLOSE OUT AT RE-
MARKABLY LOW PRICES. PERFECT-
LY GOOD MERCHANDISE, BUT WE
ARE WILLING TO SELL IT CHEAP.

THESE BARGAINS WON'T LAST
SO DON'T WAIT TOO LONG

Davidson Dept. Stores

AUCTION SALE

THE ENTIRE STOCK FORMERLY OWNED BY MR.
CLARENCE A. ELLIS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE
AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ELLIS BUILDING ON

MONDAY JANUARY 1, 1923

beginning at 10 o'clock

This stock as is generally known is of the first quality. Dry Goods and Notions of every kind will be thrown out to the people at their own prices. This is an opportunity you will not have again soon to supply your needs for the winter at the lowest prices you have ever dreamed of.

The goods must be sold, and it is my instructions and also my very earnest desire to get rid of this stock at the earliest possible moment. They are all good goods, no shelf worn stock and you're the boss as to price.

I want to impress it on your minds that there will positively be no by-bidding. I don't want to hold the stock any longer and the highest bidder gets the goods no matter how low the price may seem.

THE WISE WILL GET TO THIS GREAT AUCTION SALE AT THE HOUR IT STARTS FOR SUCH BARGAINS AS CAN BE HAD WON'T LAST. WE ARE GOING TO SELL SO BE ON HAND TO SAY WHAT YOU WILL GIVE.

J. S. WINKLER

Com. for C. A. Ellis Estate

Boone, N. Carolina